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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO LAST OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to last office action dated December 11, 2003

Specification

In response to use of the term "mesh-like", I have corrected it in the Specification.

In response to objection to the use of the term "tunnel-like patterns", I have corrected it in the Specification by changing it to "tunnels".

Claim Objections

In response to objection to the terms "tunnel-like" and "mesh-like", please amend the claim to use the term "tunnel" instead of "tunnel-like" and the term "mesh" instead of mesh-like.

In response to claim rejection concerning "being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as invention", please amend the claim as follows:

1. "A body mountable small animal shoulder carrier and toy garment comprising:
a top see-through, mesh fabric panel;
a bottom brightly colored fabric panel communicating with said top panel at neck opening and outer edges in order to construct tunnel walls within said garment so that a small animal, reptile, insect, etc., can easily be observed, provide adequate circulation and confine it while it is being transported and displayed;"

In response to insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claim about “with said top panel at neck opening, outer edges and internal tunnel walls”, please refer to the above amendment for the corrections.

In response to the use of “neck aperture” and “means of releasable attachments”, there was no intention to introduce new structure, and the corrections have been made to the claim.

In response to Claims compared to Crispin, our invention is meant to be a garment in which the animal is completely enclosed in a garment with tunnels, and I think the amendments and corrections to the claims clarify that as previously explained in the Specification.

In response to Claim2 and Schiesel, the tunnels mentioned in Schiesel’s invention are not for the enclosure, protection, movement and safety of small animals, reptiles or insects, but storage of objects. Also, the use of mesh fabric is integral to providing adequate air circulation and observation of the animals, reptiles, insects, etc. That the garment is a tunnel garment gives clarity as to why it is different from any of the other patents, and the corrections in the Claim we hope now adequately reflects that difference.